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**Jesus Christ is the same
yesterday, today and forever!**



A Lenten Message from Bishop Michael W. Fisher

Together, with Catholics and Christians throughout the world - disciples of Jesus Christ - we begin our Lenten journey toward the fulfillment of God's great love for humanity and our rebirth made possible by the sacrifice of His only Son.

We are called to repent of attitudes and behaviors that lead us away from our true calling as also daughters and sons of God, Father of us all. We are invited to empty ourselves of the distractions that crowd out or make difficult to hear in our hearts and minds the subtle promptings of the Holy Spirit. We are challenged not only to put aside cherished habits and preferences, but to adopt new ones that more fully reflect the Lord's command to love one another and to forgive as we have been forgiven.

As we now enter into a spirit of prayer and repentance in anticipation of our celebration of the great Paschal Mystery at Easter, let us be deliberate in these days of preparation, finding new ways to give of ourselves to one another and to the Lord. In quiet reflection, may we discern His voice and allow ourselves to be drawn ever closer to His presence and purposes.

As your brother in the Lord and as your shepherd, I pray that these days of preparation will bring about a true renewal within each of us, even as it invigorates our local Church to more fully reveal the awesome goodness of God and His boundless love for all. In what we say and in what we do, may others likewise be prompted to consider life's greater destiny and draw courage to promote peace and understanding, acceptance and respect for the sacred dignity of each and every person.

Let us not be afraid but, together, let us now journey forward knowing that the Lord will sustain us and bring to fulfillment the good and holy work He has begun!

Most Reverend Michael W. Fisher
Bishop of Buffalo

Mass Intention Book

Until the Family of Parishes new Mass times are set, we will temporarily stop booking Mass intentions. We will announce when the book reopens.

Libro de Intención de Misa

Hasta que la Familia de Parroquias establezca nuevos horarios de misa, dejaremos de reservar intenciones de misa temporalmente. Anunciaremos cuando se reabra el libro.

Un mensaje de Cuaresma del obispo Michael W. Fisher

Juntos, con católicos y cristianos de todo el mundo, discípulos de Jesucristo, comenzamos nuestro viaje de Cuaresma hacia el cumplimiento del gran amor de Dios por la humanidad y nuestro renacimiento hecho posible por el sacrificio de Su único Hijo.

Estamos llamados a arrepentirnos de actitudes y comportamientos que nos alejan de nuestra verdadera vocación como también hijas e hijos de Dios, Padre de todos nosotros. Estamos invitados a vaciarnos de las distracciones que desplazan o dificultan escuchar en nuestros corazones y mentes los sutiles impulsos del Espíritu Santo. Se nos desafía no solo a dejar de lado hábitos y preferencias apreciados, sino a adoptar otros nuevos que reflejen más plenamente el mandato del Señor de amarnos unos a otros y de perdonar como hemos sido perdonados.

Al entrar ahora en un espíritu de oración y arrepentimiento en anticipación de nuestra celebración del gran Misterio Pascual en Pascua, seamos deliberados en estos días de preparación, encontrando nuevas formas de darnos unos a otros y al Señor. En una tranquila reflexión, que podamos discernir Su voz y permitirnos acercarnos cada vez más a Su presencia y propósitos.

Como su hermano en el Señor y como su pastor, oro para que estos días de preparación produzcan una verdadera renovación dentro de cada uno de nosotros, incluso mientras vigoriza a nuestra Iglesia local para revelar más plenamente la asombrosa bondad de Dios y Su amor ilimitado por todo. Que en lo que decimos y en lo que hacemos, otros también se sientan impulsados a considerar el gran destino de la vida y sacar valor para promover la paz y la comprensión, la aceptación y el respeto de la sagrada dignidad de todas y cada una de las personas.

¡No tengamos miedo, pero, juntos, caminemos ahora hacia adelante sabiendo que el Señor nos sostendrá y llevará a cumplimiento la buena y santa obra que ha comenzado!

Reverendísimo Michael W. Fisher
obispo de búfalo



The sung response for the intercessions during Lent will be:

Attende Domine, et Miserere Nobis

What is the History of Attende Domine?

Attende Domine is a Christian liturgical chant for the season of Lent, referred to in English as the Lent Prose. The themes of this hymn are the sinfulness of man and the mercy of God, a theological concept emphasised during Lent. The text is Mozarabic in origin and dates to the 10th century.

Catholic Charities Appeal 2023

Our Catholic Charities Parish total to date is \$7,720.00 from 38 donors.

Taize Prayer

Taize prayer will be offered each Sunday evening during Lent. Based on the prayer form developed by the Christian community of Taize, France during WWII, the service combines simple montra-like songs with Scripture and extended periods of silence for private meditation. Anyone wishing to deepen their personal prayer is welcome to come and experience Taize Prayer. Each service lasts about 45 minutes. Arriving a few minutes early and attending more than once may facilitate the experience. Taize prayer services will begin at 6:30pm on Sunday Feb. 26 and be held each subsequent Sunday through April 2 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.

Oración de Taizé

La oración de Taizé se ofrecerá todos los domingos por la noche durante la Cuaresma. Basado en la forma de oración desarrollada por la comunidad cristiana de Taizé, Francia, durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial, el servicio combina canciones simples tipo montra con las Escrituras y largos períodos de silencio para la meditación privada. Cualquiera que desee profundizar su oración personal puede venir y experimentar la Oración de Taizé. Cada servicio dura unos 45 minutos. Llegar unos minutos antes y asistir más de una vez puede facilitar la experiencia. Los servicios de oración de Taizé comenzarán a las 6:30 p. m. el domingo 26 de febrero y se llevarán a cabo cada domingo posterior hasta el 2 de abril en la iglesia St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Pot Luck Send Off For Fr Mark

Please plan on attending a pot luck luncheon on Sunday, March 5th at 12:30pm in the NCCS gym. Please bring a dish to pass and your best wishes for Fr. Mark on his next adventure.

Pot Luck Despedida Para Fr Mark

Planee asistir a un almuerzo de pot luck el domingo 5 de marzo a las 12:30 p. m. en el gimnasio de NCCS. Por favor traiga un plato para pasar y sus mejores deseos para el Padre. Mark en su próxima aventura.

Fund for the Faith

In addition to supporting Catholic Charities, Appeal 2023 also benefits the Fund for the Faith. Established in 1937 by Bishop John Duffy out of concern for those in need of spiritual comfort due to hardships of the Great Depression, the Fund for the Faith continues to provide spiritual nourishment throughout our Diocese today. Proceeds provide ministry support services that are instrumental to the vitality of our faith experience and enable us to more effectively spread the Gospel message of Christ's love. Support Catholic Charities and the Fund for the Faith by visiting www.ccwny.org/donate or text GIVEHOPE23 to 44321 today.

Time to Challenge Ourselves to be Holier

Lent is here - time to challenge ourselves to be holier. This year, don't just give something up - start a new life in ministry! Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

Please do not leave the bulletins in the pews.

POPE FRANCIS' Advice for Lent

Fast from **hurting** words and say kind **words**.

Fast from **sadness** and be filled with **gratitude**.

Fast from **anger** and be filled with **patience**.

Fast from **pessimism** and be filled with **hope**.

Fast from **worries** and **trust in God**.

Fast from **complaints** and **contemplate** simplicity.

Fast from **pressures** and be **prayerful**.

Fast from **bitterness** and fill your heart with **joy**.

Fast from **selfishness** and be **compassionate** to others.

Fast from **grudges** and be **reconciled**.

Fast from **words** and be silent so you can **listen**.



St Gianna Gift Baskets

St Gianna is putting together gift baskets for their banquet in April. Anyone who would like to donate gift cards, monetary donations or gift basket items, contact Sally Keppel at 716-785-0149. Please leave a message. Deadline is April 14.

Cestas de regalo de Santa Gianna

Santa Gianna está preparando canastas de regalos para su banquete en abril. Cualquiera que desee donar tarjetas de regalo, donaciones monetarias o artículos de la canasta de regalo, comuníquese con Sally Keppel al 716-785-0149. Por favor, deje un mensaje. La fecha límite es el 14 de abril.

1st Sunday of Lent—February 26, 2023

Weekly Masses

Saturday, February 25-

5:00 p.m. Daniel Sheedy by The Sheedy Family

Sunday, February 26-

8:00 a.m. Albert Vandette Sr by Albert Vandette

10:00 a.m. Stanley Gliwa by Alice Mekus-Britt

11:30 a.m. Parishioners of SEAS

Monday, February 27-St Gregory of Narek

7:00 a.m. Deborah Neville by Len & Dorothy Schrantz & Family

Tuesday, February 28-

7:00 a.m. Carol Sutton (Ann) by Chris

Wednesday, March 1-

7:00 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, March 2-

7:00 a.m. Jim Arnold by Dawn, Jess, Mary, Patti & Chris

Friday, March 3-St Katharine Drexel

7:00 a.m. Nina Marsh by Jacob Jung Family

Saturday, March 4-

5:00 p.m. Tom Wlodarek by Jean, Jane & Janet

Sunday, March 5-

8:00 a.m. Begier Family by Norm & MaryAnn Begier

10:00 a.m. Carlos & Louisa Ruiz by Daughter Maria

11:30 a.m. Olga Millan by Children

Please remember to pray for the infirmed:

Matthew A. Banach, Janet Bonasera, Scott Collins, Sue Dietzen, Len Fijal, Jose Gambarelli, Keith & Kevin, Desiree Jones, John Maternowski, Frederick Mackowiak Jr., Mike McCarty, Peter Notaro, Joel Rivera, Javier Robles, Lenny Schrantz, Jessica Sinclair, Jack Van Dervort, Mollie Watkins, Kevin Washington and Fr Tom Wopperer.

Memorials

Robert C. Yonker by Alexis Ginley

Tuition Assistance for Private Grammar Schools Now Available.

The BISON Children Scholarship Fund provides tuition assistance to economically eligible children in grades K-8. New families can now apply for scholarships for the 2023-24 school year. To start the process, families can complete a preapplication form online at <http://bisonfund.com/our-scholarships>. If selected in our lottery drawing, the scholarships can be used at any private grammar school in WNY. The deadline to apply is March 15. The average scholarship is \$1,560 and the maximum award is \$2,500. For more information, contact Cindy at 716-854-0869, ext. 1 or cmcdonald@bisonfund.com.

'One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.'

Weekend of February 18 & 19

Mass Attendance/Asistencia a Misa:	Collection/Collecta:
5:00 PM – 48	\$3,740.44
8:00 AM – 60	Religious Assistance to Poland:
10:00 AM – No Count	\$657.00
11:30AM– No Count	
Total	

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Wednesday, March 1-

3PM-Food Pantry

6:00PM-Soup & Scripture in Rectory Meeting Room

Friday, March 3-

Noon-Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 5-2nd Sunday of Lent

9:00AM-Sacramental Prep Classes

10:30AM-RCIA English in rectory meeting room

12:30PM-Party for Fr. Mark

6:30PM-Taize Prayer in Church

Final Call: Register today for the 2023 Catholic Men's Conference

The 10th annual 22:32 Men's Conference for Catholic men in the Diocese of Erie, is scheduled for this coming Saturday, March 4th, from 8:30 am until 1:00 pm. Cost is \$20. You may attend live, in-person at St. Jude the Apostle parish in Erie or at a hosting parishes virtually via YouTube. Participating parishes are listed on our website.

Here inspiring national speakers Father Chase Hilgenbrinck and Father Larry Richards.

For more information and to register call (814) 455-7364.

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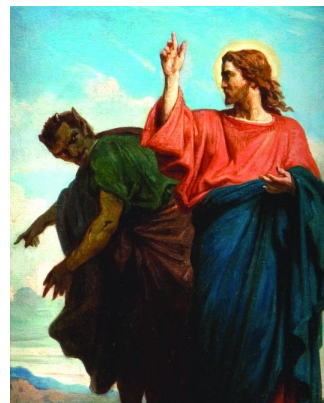
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Rectory Office Hours:

Monday, Weds., Thurs. & Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

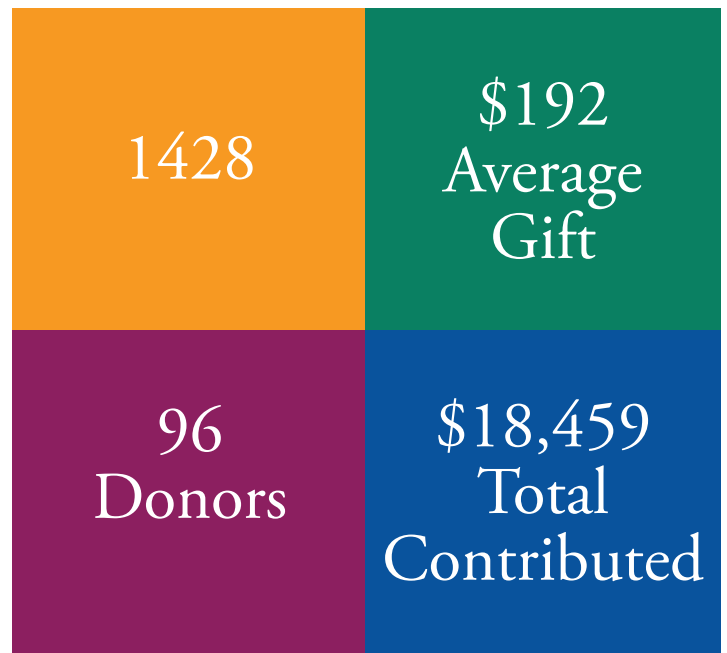
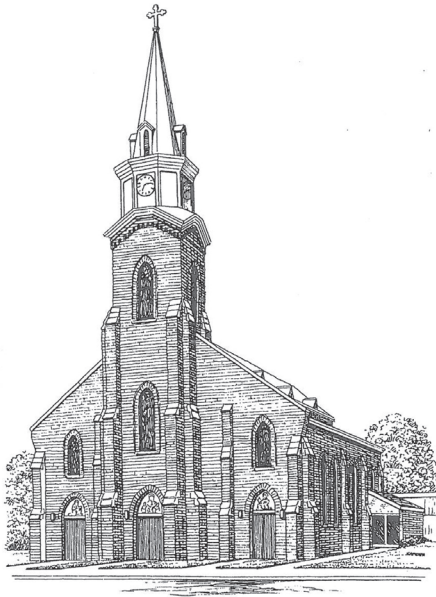
Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me."
- Mt 4:8-9

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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

Dunkirk, NY 14048

With your support in 2022, Catholic Charities impacted more than 12,064 individuals and family members in your immediate community. 3,010 of these lives were children under 18. We hope to continue making a difference for Dunkirk in Chautauqua County.

In 2022, the contributions from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church to the Appeal helped provide many essential services to those who need it most in our community.

These services include:

- Basic Needs
- Family Safety & Stabilization
- In-School Counseling & Support
- Mental Wellness

**Thank you to all who generously
contributed to the Appeal with your
financial and spiritual support!**

Upcoming Centennial Events

- Community In-Kind Collection - Spring 2023
- Day of Service Festival Celebrating Families - Summer 2023
- 100th Anniversary Mass and Gala - October 29, 2023
- HOPE Day - May 17, 2023





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Ministries and services supported by the Fund for the Faith include:

- Campus Ministry
- Catholic Education
- Communications
- Cultural Diversity
- Deaf Ministry
- Diocesan Counseling Center
- Diocesan & Parish Spiritual Renewal
- Formation of Priests, Deacons, and Lay Ecclesial Candidates
- Hospital Chaplaincy
- Marriage Preparation
- Pro-Life Office
- Seminarian Training
- Road to Renewal

Total Served: 571,000+

Number of Sites: 250+

***Total Ministries, Programs &
Services Supported: 14***

Fund for the Faith resources bring the comforting Word of God to all people - children, adults and seniors alike; to the faithful as well as those fallen away from our Catholic Faith and the disenfranchised; to our family, friends and neighbors including those who are among the least, the last and the lost. It is our hope and prayer that a successful Fund for the Faith drive will help restore and support other ministries including Catholic schools, and formation programming for youth and young families.

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